

FIRES.

RECENT-AVE.—A TENEMENT HOUSE AND LIQUOR STORE BURNED.—SEVERAL OF THE INHABITANTS BURNED.—LIST OF THE OCCUPANTS, THEIR LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

At about 12 o'clock yesterday morning, Senator Field of the Twenty-first Precinct while en route, discovered a fire in the rear basement of the premises No. 129 West Thirty-first, corner of Second-ave., occupied on the first floor as a liquor store and billiard saloon, and on the three upper floors by tenants. The Sergeant on duty gave the alarm, but before the Fire Department reached the scene, the flames, fed by the inflammable material in the liquor store, had manifested into the upper stories and were spreading rapidly. At about 12:30 p.m. the fire was extinguished, the inmates who were raised from sleep, were to be seen at the upper windows impeding for safety, or running wildly through the upper part of one building in their attempts to escape.

The entire building of which the building was on Thirty-first Street, the fire broke out immediately beneath the stairs leading to the second floor. Before the inmates of the second and upper floors were aroused, the flames had already spread through the staircase and that effectively cut off the escape of the inmates. The alarm of the firemen's bell was placed in a second story window, and those occupying that floor were got out without difficulty.

By the time this was accomplished the smoke had so filled the building that it was impossible to descend on the third and fourth floors in this manner. Capt. M. B. Wilson, Sergeant Field and a number of others then burst open the door of the adjoining house on Second-ave., and ascending to the roof commenced the work of rescuing those who were still in the building. The other firemen crowded forth from the Third-avenue. On the roof they were badly burned about the face, hands and feet. Waller engaged Officer Jeremiah E. Gilman of the Twenty-first Precinct was successful in making his way down through the smoke and saved a number of persons. Miss Margaret Webb jumped from a fourth story window to the pavement, and although her fall was somewhat broken by a bed placed to receive her, she was severely injured.

The names of the persons burned are as follows: David J. Sanford, his wife Mary, their three children, Martha aged 10 years, Charles aged six years, and William, aged two years, and the sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Anna and Mrs. Maria.

The names of the victims burned: They were wrapped in the overcoats of the officers who had humanity taken them off for that purpose in spite of the piercing cold, and conveyed to neighboring drug stores, where their burns were dressed and the suffering relieved. The names of the victims are as follows: John C. Hall, who was conveyed to his residence in Thirty-second-st., where he was attended by Police Surgeon Ramsey, and, yesterday, as we are far removed, was expected to have his bed. Miss Mary, his wife, was also severely injured.

In the mean time the fire had run rapidly through the entire building in spite of the utmost exertions of the Fire Department to prevent it, and in a comparatively short time all the building, except a portion of the roof, nothing whatever being saved. Most of the tenants were poor people, and being uninsured lost their little all.

The following is a list of the occupants: The first floor was occupied by Kline, who also occupied a portion of the building, and the second floor by a liquor store and billiard saloon. The rear was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, their son, and their two sons, and furniture to a value of \$800. Not insured.

The second floor was occupied by M. Zetter and his family. With the exception of the family to Miss Webb, the remainder of the family were got out in safety, but saved nothing but what they wore.

Exactly how the fire originated is not known, and the building is so completely burned out, it is difficult to discover. The matter will be investigated by Fire Marshal Baker and Fire Commissioner.

Great alarm is due the Police under Capt. Wilson for their efforts in rescuing the inmates of the burning building. But for their exertions the loss of life must have been very great.

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The fire did not do much damage to the building, and is damaged to the extent of \$1,000 fully insured. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some coils falling from the stove upon the office floor.

ON THE BOARD.

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THE BURNING OF THE NEW-ORLEANS THEATRE.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—The fire at the Gratiot Theatre broke out in the curtain room and spread rapidly, and though the building was partially destroyed, as well as several episodes in the general configuration, the theater was owned by Mr. Parfage, a resident of New-Orleans. It was a favorite resort, especially of the French and Spanish population, and its destruction was regarded as little short of a calamity.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—
BY THE MAYOR.

The Board met at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

His Honor the Mayor went in a communication withdrawing the nomination of John W. Haynes for Street Commissioner, and nominating Mr. W. H. McMurray for the position. The Mayor, in explaining his action, said that he had no objection to the Board to confirm Mr. Haynes, he would not accept the position, as it would interfere with his private business. His Honor therefore sends in the name of Mr. McMurray for the office. Received and laid over. The Board then adjourned to Saturday.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

The Board of Councilmen held a regular meeting on Thursday afternoon. Mr. J. Wilson Green, the President, presided.

The Board concurred with the Aldermen in granting a position of the Battery to the United States Government for use as a battery officer.

The question of disposing of the lower part of the Park to the use of the United States for a Post Office was taken up, and an amendment to fit the price of \$100,000 less than \$1,000,000 was adopted, and the subject was laid over.

After the transaction of some routine business the Board adjourned till Saturday, at 2 o'clock p.m.

AN INTERNATIONAL CODE.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.
Sir: It will not be uninteresting to many of your readers to learn, with reference to your article on Mr. Field's proposed drawing up an International Code, that Dr. Brinton, Professor of the Law of Nations in the University of Heidelberg, is actually engaged in writing a Code of the Law of Nations on the plan and in the form of Dr. Lieber's Code of Law, "War on Land," which was published as General Order No. 100, in 1863. The code, which is called "The Law of War on Land and Sea," will be published in German and French. In 1865, he acknowledges that Dr. Lieber's Code led him to draw up in a similar form the whole law of Nations, and, as far as I can learn, he has done so, and has given to the whole Law of Nations, which entirely depends upon public opinion, access to the people of our race.

The appointment of an International Committee for the settlement of the war, which was proposed by Dr. Lieber, was first suggested, as far as I know, by Dr. Lieber. At the beginning of the recent war, he was long in correspondence with some of the most distinguished members of the International Committee, concerning the feasibility of appointing an International Committee for the settlement of the war between North America and Europe. It was found that a small committee, consisting of Dr. Lieber, himself, and a few others, could do much good.

Dr. Lieber has often expressed a desire to see large parts of the most important countries meet and settle the most important and, until now, unsettled points in International Law. Indeed, it has been one of the chief objects of his life to bring about the settlement of these points.

The dealings in Government stocks are large, but prices do not improve except in 5-10s of 1865, new issue, which rose 4. The 6s of 1884, 10-40s and 7-30s were each 1 lower. State stocks and railway mortgages steady. The miscellaneous stocks were more active. Adams Express sold down to 63, and Cumberland Coal to 66. The railway shares were all active and generally higher. New-York Central sold at 112, Erie at 73 and Northern-Western, largely at 76 cash. Michigan Southern, for cash, sold at 83. After the call the market was firm, but lower prices were made at the 1 o'clock call under four, to 76 cash. The market was firm, but lower prices were made at the 1 o'clock call under four, to 76 cash.

HAT.—The supply is large, but with good demand prices are at \$100 per cwt. for shipping, and \$10.12.50 per barrel lots.

FEMP.—Marble is firm and in fair demand, as well as gold, which is firm and in fair demand.

LATHES.—Eastern are in moderate supply, and steady, as well as Western, which is firm and in fair demand.

INDIAN HOSTILITIES IN OREGON.

TO THE TRIBUNE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—A telegram from Portland, Oregon of December 9 says the Indians attacked a party of whites early in September, near the headwaters of the Big Bow River, killing 15 and wounding many others. Nine Indians are known to be killed, and a number wounded.

Portland yesterday declared a regular dividend of \$100 per foot, and a surplus of \$600,000. The Yellow Jacket Co. also had a balance on hand of \$10,000 and a regular dividend.

The Pacific Coast has declared a regular dividend of \$100 per foot.

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